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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/08/2007

SPONSOR Salazar LAST UPDATED _____ HB 975

SHORT TITLE Native American Cultural Performances SB _____

ANALYST Dearing

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Senate Bill 691

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Cultural Affairs Department (CAD)

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 975 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to Department of Cultural Affairs to support performances of traditional and contemporary Native American performing Arts in Santa Fe.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

House Bill 975 would provide funding for traditional and contemporary Native American performances in Santa Fe and provide opportunities for statewide participation to educate schoolchildren and the general public. House Bill 975 would provide support for arts and cultural disciplines such as art, dance, drama and music and literacy. Students, teachers, parents and community members could benefit from a Native American arts, culture and education program.

The following excerpt from the Indian Affairs department’s bill analysis is included in order to present the intended purpose of the proposed program.

“Presentations of Native American performing arts are helpful only if an accurate image of Native culture is conveyed. In University of New Mexico Professor Chris Wilson’s *The Myth of Santa Fe*, he argues that representations of New Mexico’s cultural richness in Santa Fe have been reduced to a carefully packaged portrayal intended to attract tourism.¹ As a result, many visitors and locals alike may develop inaccurate conceptions of Native culture in the State. Presenting authentic Native artistic performances may aid in contradicting phony imagery and representations of Native traditions in Santa Fe. The intent of this legislation is to educate “schoolchildren and the general public regarding Native American culture and traditions and encourage new performing arts talent.”

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Attendance at a performing arts program would assist the Cultural Affairs department and the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture in fulfilling could increase the department’s performance measure tracking outreach.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The Native American performing arts program would not receive funding through the State general fund.

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¹ Wilson, Chris. *The Myth of Santa Fe: Creating a Modern Regional Tradition*. Albuquerque : University of New Mexico Press, 1997.